

HOUSE No. 2859

By Mrs. Haddad of Somerset, petition of Patricia A. Haddad and others for legislation to create a “difficult to manage unit” for women within the Department of Mental Health. Financial Services.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Patricia A. Haddad
Paul Kujawski

Frank I. Smizik
Kathleen M. Teahan

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO CREATING A DIFFICULT TO MANAGE UNIT WITHIN
THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Chapter 19 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding
- 2 the following section:—
- 3 Section 22. The department of mental health is hereby directed
- 4 to develop and implement a specific “difficult to manage unit” for
- 5 women within the department. Said unit shall be located at a
- 6 specific and central location. The components of said unit shall be
- 7 equivalent to the difficult to manage unit for men.